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VISIT TO BONN (JUNE 18-20)

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1. WE MADE THE PRESENTATION OF THE POINTS CONTAINED IN
REFTEL B TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE (DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MUELLER AND OFFICE DIRECTOR KREMER) ON JUNE
16. BOTH EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR SUCH A TIMELY
READOUT ON US POLICY TOWARD SOMALIA. (WE HAD PREVIOUSLY
PASSED, THROUGH THE SAME CHANNELS, THE UPDATE ON THE
HORN AS REQUESTED REFTTEL C.)

2. OUR CONTACTS REAFFIRMED THAT THE FRG SHARES OUR
SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING SIAD'S COMMITMENT TO PEACE
WITH HIS NEIGHBORS. THE BRIEFING PAPERS PREPARED FOR
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, WE
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ARE TOLD, CONCENTRATED ON GETTING ACROSS THE MESSAGE
TO SIAD THAT FUTURE WESTERN ASSISTANCE AND CONTINUED
GOODWILL WERE DEPENDENT ON HIS MOVES IN THIS DIRECTION.

3. ALTHOUGH SIAD WILL BE MEETING WITH SCHMIDT AND
GENSCHER, THE FOREIGN OFFICE ANTICIPATES THAT THE VISIT
WILL BE A RATHER DULL AFFAIR. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF

MAKING CLEAR GERMAN ATTITUDES ON SOMALIA'S RELATIONSHIP
WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, THERE IS LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE TO
DISCUSS. MUELLER IN A PRIVATE ASIDE NOTED THAT
"EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO SAY HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE."

4. BARRING A NEW AND UNFORESEEN REQUEST FROM SIAD, THE
FOREIGN OFFICE EXPECTS LITTLE TALK OF BILATERAL AID.
SIAD IS WELL AWARE OF FRG POLICY AGAINST PROVIDING
MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND THE BILATERAL ECONOMIC AID
PROGRAM HAS BEEN PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE DM 48 MILLION AID AGREEMENT SIGNED IN BONN
EARLIER THIS YEAR (DESCRIBED IN BONN'S 20066 -- 1977).
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